

## MANY KILLED.

Counties of Story, Polk and Jasper Visited by a Cyclone.

Twenty-Four Killed at Bondurant, 15 at Valeria, Three at Ankeny.

The Storm Was Unprecedented in Its Fury—A House Lifted Bodily, Carried Some Distance and Thrown to the Ground—A Wreck—The Family Killed.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 25.—The most alarming reports were received here Monday morning respecting the cyclone which swept over Story, Polk and Jasper counties shortly after midnight Sunday night. Owing to the almost total prostration of telegraph and telephone wires, it is not possible to verify the reports that have been received, but the indications are that the casualties will reach fifty killed or injured. Fourteen persons are reported killed in the three towns of Valeria, Bondurant and Ankeny.

The two latter towns are in this (Polk) county, while Valeria is in Jasper county, directly east.

So far as heard from Slater is the only town in Story county which suffered, but, as there was no means of communication with that section Monday morning, there is every probability that the restoration of telegraphic communication will bring news of disasters as yet unreported. No details have been received from Slater further than the bare statement that the whole town was destroyed. The same report comes from Polk City, this county.

A telephone message from Berwyck says that a courier just in says that 24 persons were killed at Bondurant, five at Valeria and three at Ankeny.

The situation grows worse as authentic news comes from the cyclone district. At Valeria it is now known that 15 persons were killed, the number being first placed at but five. Most of those killed were in the depot of the Chicago Great Western road, some of them having just alighted from a train, and others having taken refuge there from the rain. The depot was entirely blown to pieces. The west-bound passenger train escaped the cyclone but a few minutes.

Had it remained at the station five minutes longer the list of killed would undoubtedly have numbered scores. As it was the train was uninjured.

A dispatch from Santiago, this county, says the storm was unprecedented in its fury in that section. Three miles west of the town a house was lifted bodily from the earth, carried some distance and thrown to the ground a shattered wreck. The en-

tire family of occupants were killed. The roads are almost impassable from debris, fences, outbuildings and branches of trees being swept together. Nothing has been heard from the northeastern end of the county, where it is feared the storm caused the greatest damage.

A messenger from Bondurant, who arrived at 9 o'clock, says that R. G. Scott, a prominent farmer, was killed, also that a church at Ankeny was blown down and several persons were hurt. The town of Granger was badly wrecked.

The number of farm houses wrecked between Valeria and Bondurant is very heavy. Mayor MacVicar has called a meeting at the council chamber to take active measures for the relief of the sufferers. A number of coffins have been shipped to Bondurant on the Great Western extra via Berwyck, the nearest point.

MICHELLEVILLE, Ia., May 25.—At 10:25 o'clock Sunday night a strip of country half a mile wide extending from the edge of Bondurant southeast through Santiago and Valeria, was devastated by a cyclone. It caught up the house of Peter Bolenbaugh, north of Santiago, and no vestige of it has yet been found. Mr. and Mrs. Bolenbaugh were found in a field a hundred yards from the house entirely nude and dead. A little nephew, who was living with them, was found yet further away crushed almost to a pulp.

At Valeria Charles Whalen's farm house was demolished and himself and wife and three children killed. Others swelling the number to 11 were killed, but names are not obtainable.

In Bondurant the financial loss will be about \$100,000. A strip of country a mile wide for 24 miles was nearly swept clean. Barns are all gone, trees uprooted, stock killed and growing crops covered with mud and ruined.

BONDURANT, Ia., May 25.—The latest reports from the death dealing cyclone which swept across the north ends of Polk and Jasper are to the effect that between 250 and 300 persons are reported killed. Houses were unroofed, trees torn up by the roots and hundreds of horses, cattle and hogs killed.

A Tornado at Elgin, Ill.

ELGIN, Ill., May 25.—This city was visited by a tornado at an early hour Monday morning. The brick smoke stack at the pumping station at the insane asylum was completely wrecked, and Fireman Jack Kehoe was killed and buried beneath a pile of debris. At the asylum proper the building was considerably damaged but no one was seriously injured. The roof of the Elgin bicycle and sewing machine works was torn off and the building practically ruined. At Clintonville, Ill., one mile from here, the storm was very severe, but it only struck one corner of the town, wrecking a flour mill.

## MANY CRIMES.

Rev. Francis Hermann, Rivals Holmes and Durrant.

The Majority of This Fiend's Victims Were Women, Who Were Cremated.

No Less Than Seven Murders Are Laid at the Door of the Reverend Gentleman—He Also Confessed to Embezzling Church Funds—Villain at Large.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 25.—Further developments in the Scandinavian church tragedy in this city lead to the belief that Rev. Francis Hermann is a man with a record of crime little less than the notorious Holmes. His first wife died in England under suspicious circumstances. He was pastor of a Scandinavian church at West Superior, Wis., in 1890 and 1891, and there married a highly respectable lady, who in less than a year died very suddenly with her two weeks old baby. An inquest was held, but nothing beyond a suspicion of foul play was elicited. Hermann soon married again and came to Salt Lake in 1894 with his wife. Before long a baby was born and the mother and child died suddenly a few weeks after.

Then his acquaintance with Miss Clawson commenced and it is charged in the complaint which has been sworn to by John Sanson, a member of the church here, that he murdered and cremated the body in the heating furnace in the church basement.

He was engaged to marry Miss Samuelson in February of this year, but she disappeared and it is charged that he poisoned her after seducing her and carved up the body in the church cellar. As far as yet discovered it is believed he has murdered seven persons. Miss Clawson came to Salt Lake from Omaha seven years ago. She was a native of Sweden and as far as known had no relation in this country, but she had many friends here and was considered a respectable girl. Miss Samuelson was employed as a nursery governess in a family here, and left her place to be married to the preacher. She has an aunt and other relatives living here and was a member of Hermann's church. The church officers say that Hermann was suspended recently for embezzling church funds, confessed his guilt in that regard and was waiting a hearing before the annual Methodist conference. He was a fine looking man and very generally liked. He is represented as having a great liking for the study of medicine, anatomy and kindred subjects, and often delivered disquisition on the human form.

The Scandinavian church, where the murders of Miss Clausen and Miss Samuelson took place, has been visited by large numbers of people ever since the horrible discovery was made known on Saturday. No services were held in the church Sunday. The human remains, together with the garter buckle and belt buckle which were found in the furnace have been so identified that there is now no doubt but that they are those of Miss Clausen. One of the razors and the butcher knife also found in the furnace have been positively identified by Rev. Mork as the property of Rev. Francis Hermann, who is accused of the crime.

Miss Samuelson's watch and ring have been found in a pawn broker's shop where they were pledged by Mr. Hermann just before he left for Kansas. The police here have so far no further clue to the whereabouts of Hermann.

### LEASING LAND.

A West Virginia Company Gobbling Up Oil Territory in the Osage Indian Reservation.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 25.—During the past week there has been consummated the biggest oil lease made in recent years. After negotiations extending through two years, the Phoenix Oil Co. of West Virginia has secured a long lease on land in the Osage Indian reservation, comprising over 1,500,000 acres. Arrangements have been made to begin sinking wells at once. A few months ago the Osage Indian council finally gave assent to the lease and the contract was prepared and executed after the Indian affairs department at Washington had been consulted and the Indians assured a royalty on the output of any wells that might be struck. The president is N. G. Read, of Boston, and Elvin B. Foster, of New York, is secretary. The company will maintain an office in New York city, one at Buffalo and the headquarters of the operations will be at Pawhuska, I. T.

### Disastrous Cloudburst in Iowa.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., May 25.—A terrible cloudburst between this city and State Center swept away nearly a mile of Chicago and Northwestern tracks, doing great damage to growing crops and other property. Linn creek, a small stream flowing through the southern portion of Marshalltown suddenly became a rampant river. Bridges were swept away and large piles of lumber were carried down the stream. Only small buildings were wrecked, but the damage to property will be considerable.

### A Decision in the Sugar Bounty Cases.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Supreme Court of the United States this morning rendered a decision favorable to the payment of sugar bounty. The decision was very brief. The court simply held that it was an equitable consideration for which congress had authority to provide. This reverses the ruling of controller of the treasury, and requires the payment of the bounty provided for by the last congress.

### THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

Only Four Days Remain of the Session—Morning and Afternoon Sessions Will be Held.

CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—Only four days remain of the session of the general conference of the M. E. church, and the delegates are determined to make as good use of the time as possible. To that end a resolution was passed Monday morning limiting all speeches to five minutes.

It was decided to hold two sessions of the conference every day until adjournment. The conference took a ballot for missionary bishop to Africa: two-thirds vote required to elect.

Dr. Joseph C. Hartzell, of Louisiana, was elected bishop to Africa on the second ballot. He was invited to a seat on the platform. Dr. Hartzell is 54 years of age, and since 1888 has been secretary of the Freedmen's Aid society. In 1870 he was transferred from the Illinois conference to New Orleans and placed in charge of Ames church in that city.

The long deferred fight between the lay and ministerial delegates came up when the committee on constitution reported the new constitution. The majority report wanted a referendum, to be composed only of the ministers, while the minority report demanded that the lay members be given a voice in the referendum.

Dr. A. J. Kynett, of Philadelphia, made a strong argument in favor of lay representation.

Elvin Swarthout, of Michigan, declared that the report of the constitutional committee was a failure. "What the Methodist church needs most," he said, "is a judiciary that shall decide judicial questions, only and keep its hands off legislative questions."

"What a miserable farce was the consideration of the woman question by this body. We first considered the question as a judicial one and then compromised it by virtue of our legislative power. That kind of work makes our conference ridiculous. I am opposed to the report, it gives us nothing new."

### EUGENE V. DEBS.

The Great Labor Leader Will Not Serve in a Public Office.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., says: Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Railway union, who has been lecturing among laboring men on unionism in Alabama during the past week, the greater part of his time being spent in Birmingham district, was shown the published statement that he had been nominated by the Chicago labor unions as the labor candidate for president of the United States and was asked for an expression with reference to the matter. He said: "I will state for public print that I will not serve in a public office. I have a fixed conception of a public office and do not care to have one. Politics and labor are two different institutions, and I will not give up labor for politics. The two don't go well together, and I believe I am more useful to labor. I will not go into politics and will not accept the nomination for president."

### STORM AT DUBUQUE.

Four Children Drowned in the Flood—Railway and Telegraphic Communication Destroyed.

DUBUQUE, Ia., May 25.—A terrific thunder and lightning storm struck Dubuque shortly after nine o'clock Sunday night after a very warm and oppressive day. In the midst of the storm Mrs. Clark, station agent for the Chicago and Great Western railroad at Durango, eight miles northwest of Dubuque, was called from her residence to the depot near by to get orders for a train, which had just arrived. She took her four children with her and was at work when the flood, sweeping down the Maquoketa valley, carried away the bridge, then the residence, and finally the depot, which was borne down stream a mile and a half. The four children were drowned, and Mrs. Clark clung to the roof and was saved by the trainmen. All railroads leading into Dubuque were washed out and telegraphic communication completely destroyed.

### GALENA FLOODED.

Some of the Streets Are Rushing Rivers—Property Damaged.

GALENA, Ill., May 25.—A flood, the result of a cloudburst, swept this city Sunday night. Water rushing in torrents from the bluffs to the low ground together with the sudden rise of the Galena river, turned the downtown streets into rushing rivers. Townboats did service on Main and Commerce streets. Rankin street is a scene of devastation. Cellars on Main street are inundated and places of business in some portions of town are abandoned for the present. Walls of solid masonry were torn out, buildings were carried from their foundations and horses swept from floating barns down the deluged streets. Several homes are wrecked, among them that of J. F. Strickland, whose wife was drowned.

### A Flood at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 25.—A storm of unusual severity struck Chicago Monday morning. Basements in the downtown district were flooded, and considerable damage was done. During the short space of ten minutes nearly an inch of water fell. The storm was accompanied by terrific thunder and lightning.

### No Evidence of Assault.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Pugilist Robert Fitzsimmons, who was arrested Sunday charged with assault on a tailor named Rosenberg, was discharged in the Jefferson Market magistrate court Monday morning. The magistrate held that there was no evidence of the assault.



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## BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

### OHIO DEMOCRATS.

They Have Selected Delegates in But Four Congressional Districts So Far.

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—So far but four Ohio congressional districts have selected their delegates to the national democratic convention. In two of these, free silver democrats have carried the day and selected free silver men as candidates. The Twentieth district has chosen two radical gold standard men as delegates. In this district gold democrats won in the primaries, but it is understood that one silver and one gold delegate will be selected in the convention. In the county conventions to choose state delegates, many of which have now been held, the free silver democrats have generally held majorities, and as the result is almost a foregone conclusion that the democrats of Ohio will in their state convention declare for free silver. It is reported here that Senator Brice who, sometime ago, announced his intention of coming into the state to make a fight against the free silver movement, sees the futility of it and will make no opposition to it.

### Two Men and a Woman Drowned.

TOLEDO, O., May 25.—A special from Oak Harbor says that two men named Hugh Conroy and Steve Janssen, and Mrs. Mary Janssen, the wife of the last named, were drowned in the lake near there Sunday afternoon by the upsetting of their boat. Conroy persisted in rocking the boat against the protestations of the Janssens. The boat finally swamped and the four occupants, of whom Jere Sprague was saved, were thrown into the water. Conroy was the first to sink and was quickly followed by Mrs. Janssen and her husband, neither of whom could swim.

### Cut Her Throat With a Razor.

ALLIANCE, O., May 25.—Miss Marie Krist, a beautiful and highly respected young woman, residing at Rootstown, Portage county, was found dead in a pool of blood on the floor of her bedroom Monday morning, with a razor clutched in her hand. Her throat was cut from ear to ear. Sunday night she retired, complaining of a pain in her head, and it is supposed she took her own life during the night while temporarily insane. She was 28 years old.

Toledo Electric Railways Consolidated. TOLEDO, May 25.—Blair Pierce, of New York, who recently purchased for \$1,500,000 the Toledo Electric Street Railway Co.'s lines have consolidated with the Toledo Traction Co., the owners of which are W. B. Reim and R. H. Hale, of Chicago, and which is the largest street corporation here. A new company will be organized with a capital stock of \$5,000,000.

### Drowned in the Ohio.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., May 25.—Early Sunday morning, while William Kirkham, an aged potter, and his 12-year-old son were fishing in the river, Kirkham fell overboard and was drowned. The child could not use the oars, and drifted almost a mile down the river in the skiff, crying for help, before he was rescued. The man's body was recovered.

### The First Time.

DELAWARE, O., May 25.—Rev. Father Philip H. Steyles preached the memorial sermon to the G. A. R. post here Sunday in St. John's Catholic church. This is the first time in the history of this city that a Catholic clergyman has delivered the memorial address.

### Both Are Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—August Guenther, 45 years old, shot his wife, Minnie, Monday morning, at their home, No. 54 Hackman street, and then turned the weapon upon himself. Both are dead. The tragedy was the result of a family quarrel.

### A Pioneer Mother Dead.

ATHENS, O., May 25.—Mrs. E. H. Moore, mother of Dr. D. H. Moore, died at her home Monday morning at four o'clock. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon. She was eighty-one years old, and a most excellent woman.

### Dropped Dead at His Work.

COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—Jacob Roedel, an iron molder, dropped dead from heart disease soon after beginning work at McDonald's foundry Monday morning. He was 41, and leaves a wife and six children.

### Broken Promise Costly.

BELLEFONTAINE, O., May 25.—Miss Helena Pfaffner was awarded \$1,000 damages from John A. Predmore for breach of promise to marry. She is a handsome young lady of 23, while the defendant is 70.

### Arrival and Departure of Trains.

B. & O. S. W.  
DEPART—6:00 a. m.; 10:40 a. m.; 2:00 p. m.; 4:45 p. m.; 7:00 p. m.; 11:25 p. m.  
ARRIVE—8:05 a. m.; 8:10 a. m.; 12:25 p. m.; 4:45 p. m.; 6:40 p. m.; 8:55 p. m.

T. & O. C. Ex.  
LEAVE—2:50 p. m.; 9:00 a. m.; 4:00 a. m.  
ARRIVE—12:15 p. m.; 7:05 p. m.

C. & M.  
LEAVE—6:25 a. m.; 3:55 p. m.  
ARRIVE—11:15 a. m.; 7:05 p. m.

Z. & O.  
LEAVE—6:20 a. m.; 3:40 p. m.  
ARRIVE—10:40 a. m.; 8:55 p. m.

O. R. R. R. (Eastern Time.)  
SOUTH—10:25 a. m.; 2:10 a. m.; 7:55 p. m.  
NORTH—11:15 p. m.; 8:40 p. m.; 7:25 a. m.



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### THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, May 25.  
FLOUR—Spring patent, \$3.60; spring fancy, \$3.15; spring family, \$2.60; winter patent, \$3.00; winter fancy, \$2.50; family, \$2.00; rye, northwestern, \$1.75; do, city, \$1.60.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red nominal at 67c; do, to arrive, 34c; mixed ear, track, 31c; white ear, track, 30c; No. 2 white, track, 31c; No. 2 mixed, track, 29c.  
OATS—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, 21c; No. 2 white, track, 23c; No. 3 mixed, track, 20c.  
RICE—Sales: No. 3 track, 37c.  
Bacon—Select hams, \$8.25; select butchers', \$8.00; fair to good packers', \$7.50; fair to good light, \$7.25; common and roughs, \$6.50.  
CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$5.00; choice to extra, \$4.10; good to choice butchers', \$3.50; fair to medium butchers', \$3.25; common, \$1.50.  
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep—Extras, \$3.50; good to choice, \$3.00; common to fair, \$2.00; fair to choice, \$2.50; extra, \$3.00; higher, \$3.75; 50c; extra, \$3.00.  
VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$4.00; 40c; extra, \$4.75; common and large, \$3.00.  
WOOL—Unwashed fine merino, 85c per lb; quarter-blood clothing, 10c; medium (delaine and clothing, 10c; braid, 10c; medium clothing, 12c; washed, fine merino X to XX, 14c; medium clothing, 12c; delaine fleece, 12c; long combing, 14c; quarter-blood and low, 12c.

NEW YORK, May 25.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red, May, 68c; July, 67c; 1-15c; September, 67c; December, 69c-10c.  
CORN—No. 2 May, \$1.15-16c; July, 25c; August, 26c; September, 26c; 10c; southern, 26c.  
OATS—No. 2 dull state, 26c; western, 25c; 25c; May, 23c; June, 24c; July, 24c.  
TOLEDO, O., May 25.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red cash, 68c; July, 68c; August, 68c; September, 68c; No. 3 red, cash, 67c.  
CORN—No. 2 mixed, cash, 28c; July, 29c; September, 28c; No. 3 yellow, cash, 28c.  
OATS—No. 2 mixed, July, 19c.

BALTIMORE, May 25.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red spot, May, 68c; 68c; July, 67c; 67c; August, 67c; 67c; southern, 67c.  
CORN—Mixed spot and May, 33c; 33c; June, 33c; 33c; July, 33c; 33c; steamers mixed, 33c; 33c; southern, 34c.  
OATS—No. 2 white, western, 25c; 25c; No. 2 mixed, 24c.  
RICE—No. 2, near-by, 40c; 40c; western, 40c.

CHICAGO, May 25.  
Calls on July wheat opened at 61c and 61c, sold at 61c, last price 61c. Puts opened at 60c; sold at 60c, last price 60c. Calls on July corn opened at 27c, sold at 27c, last price 27c. Puts opened at 27c, the last price.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 25.  
CATTLE—Prime, \$4.00; good butchers, \$3.50; 15c; rough fat, \$3.15; calves, \$2.00.  
HOGS—Prime, \$3.40; 33c; common to fair, \$3.00; 30c; heavy, \$2.50; 25c; roughs, \$2.00.  
SHEEP—Prime, \$3.50; 35c; good, \$3.00; 30c; fair, \$2.50; 25c; common, \$2.00; 20c; roughs, \$1.50; 15c.

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